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### **Your Investment In**

### THE GREAT FALLS SYMPHONY

48th Season

### Allows...

the Symphony Association to bring quality musical performances to audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Over 250 community volunteers are involved in various programs and projects annually.

The GFSA is made up of a

75 member Orchestra
80 voice Symphonic Choir
75 member Youth Orchestra
And two professional resident ensembles:
The Cascade String Quartet & Chinook Winds Quintet

### Brings...

world class artists such as Yo-Yo Ma and Itzhak Perlman and Midori to Great Falls!

### Reaches...

over 35,000 people across the state annually through the regular subscription series, free concerts, ensemble concerts, and numerous performances and school programs in numerous rural schools and communities presented by the Cascade Quartet and Chinook Winds Quintet. Although audiences for our Great Falls Concert Season are largely from Great Falls, ticket holders come to our concerts from some 30 different towns as far away as Cut Bank, Shelby, Conrad, Chinook, Chester, Fort Benton, Havre, Wolf Creek, East Glacier, and even Canada!

### Means...

business. The Symphony has become a strong thread woven into both the artistic and the economic fabric of this region. Today more than ever, the business community acknowledges the need for a strong cultural base for economic well being! The arts contribute to the solidarity of a community. The Symphony will return close to \$500,000 directly to its local service area this year through salaries and the purchase of goods and services. The financial support and influence of the Montana Legislature through Cultural and Aesthetic grants extends even beyond the Symphony as dollars are multiplied within our economy!

An editorial published in the local press last spring, expressed perceived public value of the programs of the GFSA most eloquently. To quote: "With the upcoming appearance on Thursday of renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman, the arts once again, will be front and center in Great Falls. Whether it's a million-dollar art auction, a concert with cellist Yo-Yo Ma, a show at one of the museums...or - as was announced this past week – a week long residency in the spring of 2007 by another renowned violinist, Midori, these are high times on the High Plains. By far the highest profile events have been those put together by the Great Falls Symphony, which by next spring will have featured three historic, auditorium jamming guest artists in as many years: Yo-Yo Ma, Perlman and Midori! Events such as these cannot help but elevate the city's profile in the wider arts world... Bravo!"

— Great Falls Tribune, April 3, 2006

## Montana State Legislature

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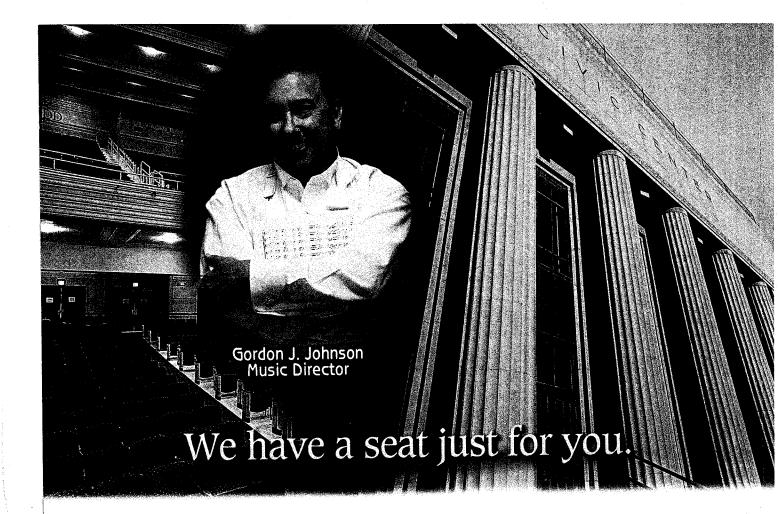
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gordon j. johnson

music director & conductor

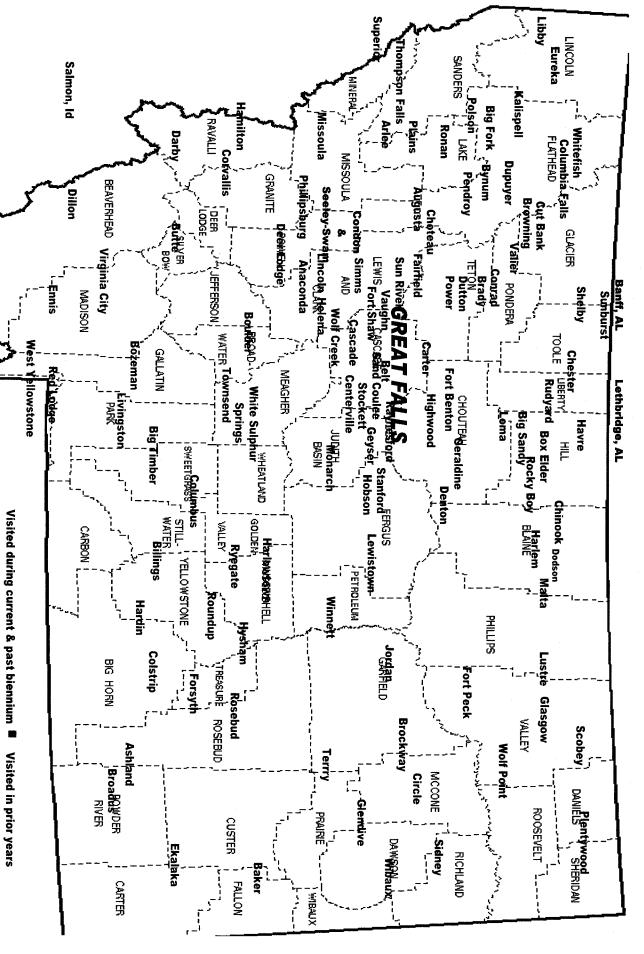




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Great Falls Symphony Association Outreach - Cascade String Quartet and Chinook Winds Quintet



## Great Falls Symphony Regional Youth Orchestra COMMUNITIES SERVED

